

Listening Session

April 20, 2010

Community Center Room, 6965 West School Street, Three Lakes

On April 20, 2010, at 5:30 pm, prior to the 6:30 pm Regular Meeting of the Three Lakes Town Board of Supervisors, there will be a listening session for the Slow No Wake (SNW) legislation passed as 2009 Wisconsin Act 31 and which went into effect on February 1, 2010.

Act 31 established a statewide slow-no-wake zone for motorboats within 100 feet of a lake's shoreline. However, in an unprecedented grant of authority to local municipalities, a Town may enact its own ordinance to make the statute more strict, less strict, to opt-out altogether, or any combination of the above.

At a special meeting of the town board on March 23 to deliberate on what the Town of Three Lakes should do, at least to start as regards SNW, and from feedback that was received in the days that followed, it became clear that the board members need to hear input from a much larger number of landowners, lake users, and other interested citizens in order to come up with the language for a local ordinance that is best for all users of the Three Lakes Chain.

During a listening session meeting, the usual procedural rules are temporarily suspended to allow persons the chance to be recognized by the chair and to speak. Those attending who wish to speak will be asked to sign in on the night of the meeting, and will be called upon in the order in which they are listed. Depending on how many speakers sign up, the chair may have to place a time limit on comments to accommodate the available time.

If you are unable to attend, the board members ask that you please submit written comments by mail or email to the town office. Your input on this important issue is very much desired. Additional listening sessions on SNW may be held as seasonal residents begin to return for the 2010 summer season.

More questions? Please contact the Town Office: 546-3316.